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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

Senator John McCain

WHEREAS the Republican Party is founded upon the conservative political philosophy derived from the principle that individuals are endowed not by the government, but by the Creator, with certain unalienable rights; and

WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States is designed to guarantee the unfettered exercise of those rights by strictly limiting the power of government, whose authority is derived only from the consent of the governed; and

WHEREAS the Principles of Conservatism promote Liberty, Prosperity, and Individual Freedom; and

WHEREAS the leading presidential candidate for the Republican Party, Senator John McCain, has consistently demonstrated a record of public service counter to the philosophy and principles of conservatism and the Republican Party as evidenced by the following facts:

1. He has a consistent pattern of shocking verbal abuse, including screaming profanities, against Senate Republican colleagues who oppose his bills in any way; and

2. He has exercised scandalously poor judgment by intervening with the federal regulators on behalf of Charles H. Keating, Jr. in the Savings and Loan crisis of the 1980s; and

3. He has worked against the principles of the Republican Party, promoting greatly expanding federal regulatory authority in order to combat global warming in ways that would greatly burden the American economy, contrary to free market forces; and

4. He has undermined the principles of a free market economy by voting for an amendment that would

authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to implement price controls on prescription drugs under Medicare; and

5. He has fought the Republican Party to create the Patient's Bill of Rights, which allowed the government to impose a set of burdensome mandates on insurance coverage; and

6. He has worked against the Republican Party to make a mockery of the rule of law, promoting amnesty for 20 million illegal immigrants; and

7. He has voted to subvert American sovereignty by granting consulting rights to Mexico concerning the erection of a southern border fence; and

8. He has undermined the Constitution and opposed the Constitutional duties of the Vice President to break a tie on judicial nominations; and

9. [Though the McCain-Feingold Act] he has worked against Conservative principles, undermining the First Amendment by abridging the free speech of citizens partaking in the political process; and

10. He has consistently led efforts undermining Second Amendment rights by promoting bills which regulate all sales at gun shows; regulations which force gun-owners to purchase trigger locks, making their firearms useless for self-defense; regulations which restrict the legitimate transfer of firearms over the internet; and regulations which extend the restrictions of the Brady bill to pawn shops and gun repair shops; and

11. He has voted to use taxpayer funds to harvest stem cells from human embryos; and

12. He has refused to take immediate and direct action to protect

the life of the unborn; he opposes the repeal of Roe v. Wade; and he opposes a constitutional amendment to protect all human life; and

13. He sponsored and voted for a 282% tax increase on cigarettes that would have unconstitutionally violated the First Amendment and increased the size of the federal bureaucracy exponentially by giving the FDA unrestricted control over nicotine; and

14. He supports raising Social Security taxes; and

15. He has broken with the Republican Party in strongly opposing President Bush's tax cuts in 2001 and 2003. He also joined leading liberal senators in offering and voting for amendments designed to undermine the tax cuts,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Republican Party of _____ opposes any effort to promote, support, or endorse Senator John McCain as the Republican nominee; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of _____ will only support candidates who promote the philosophy and principles of conservatism in government; who promote smaller government, fiscal discipline, and greater economic and personal freedoms; and whose records of public service are evidence of their principled beliefs.

Liberals suffer from "psychological disorder"

Based on strikingly irrational beliefs and emotions, modern liberals relentlessly undermine the most important principles on which our freedoms were founded," says Dr. Lyle Rossiter, author of the new book, *The*

Liberal Mind: The Psychological Causes of Political Madness. "Like spoiled, angry children, they rebel against the normal responsibilities of adulthood and demand that a parental government meet their needs from cradle to grave."

While political activists on the other side of the spectrum have made similar observations, Rossiter boasts professional credentials and a life virtually free of activism and links to "the vast right-wing conspiracy."

For more than 35 years he has diagnosed and treated more than 1,500 patients as a board-certified clinical psychiatrist and examined more than 2,700 civil and criminal cases as a board-certified forensic psychiatrist. He received his medical and psychiatric training at the University of Chicago.

Rossiter says the kind of liberalism being displayed by the two major candidates for the Democratic Party presidential nomination can only be understood as a psychological disorder.

"A social scientist who understands human nature will not dismiss the vital roles of free choice, voluntary cooperation and moral integrity – as liberals do," he says. "A political leader who understands human nature will not ignore individual differences in talent, drive, personal appeal and work ethic, and then try to impose economic and social equality on the population – as liberals do. And a legislator who understands human nature will not create an environment of rules which over-regulates and over-taxes the nation's citizens, corrupts their character and reduces them to wards of the state – as liberals do."

Dr. Rossiter says the liberal agenda preys on weakness and feelings of inferiority in the population by:

- * creating and reinforcing perceptions of victimization;
- * satisfying infantile claims to entitlement, indulgence and compensation;
- * augmenting primitive feelings of envy;
- * rejecting the sovereignty of the individual, subordinating him to the will of the government.

A Two-Party Death Grip!

By Chuck Baldwin

It is time to say it: the two major parties hold a death grip on the American people. Instead of representing the people, both the Republican and Democrat parties are bought and paid for by special interest groups. Neither party pays any attention to the U.S. Constitution but both are largely marching in lockstep toward

bigger and bigger government. Both Republicans and Democrats eagerly sacrifice what's good for the country for what's good for the party. As they now exist, neither major party deserves the support of patriotic Americans.

Furthermore, blind political allegiance has created a "lesser of two evils" mindset that has warped the thinking and perverted the values of otherwise good people.

It is more than interesting that more people are currently registered as Independents than either Republican or Democrat. But it is not enough to register as an Independent, we must start voting Independent.

It increasingly appears that the two major parties will force the American people to choose between the fascistic John McCain or the Marxist Barack Obama. Is that really the kind of choice we are willing to accept?

Let's face it, folks: it is up to "We the people" to take matters into our own hands. This means relying more on the Internet for our news and information. And it means bypassing the two major parties and voting for Independent candidates for President.
-- Feb. 15, 2008

Honoring Aaron Russo

By Gary Franchi

Today, February 14th, is the birthday of Aaron Russo. Please take a moment to reflect on the man and his final masterpiece, "America: Freedom to Fascism", the film Ron Paul credits for the explosive growth of the Ron Paul Revolution.

From the day I first saw "America: Freedom to Fascism", to Aaron's visits to Chicago, to the late night in his hotel suite strategizing the national release of his film, then to his bedside at Cedars Sinai Hospital, every experience with him was one to remember.

That night in his hospital room we sat in silence watching Pink Floyd Pulse on TV. Aaron instructed me that we were not to talk business, though the revolution he started, and I was now apart of, was the only real business Aaron and I shared. I couldn't talk with him about Bette Middler, Eddie Murphy or Led Zeppelin, while I was fans of each, we had no common ground there. Our common ground was our desire to wake the people from their slumber and motivate them to act in the name of preserving our liberty.

We spoke of many things that last night, we spoke of the movie he never got to create and the blossoming Ron Paul Revolution. He gave me

leadership advice that I will forever cherish and he gave my wife a hug that she will never forget.

He asked me to keep his fight alive and to do something monumental after he passed on, he wanted to be remembered, and I promised my friend and mentor that I would do just that.

After the shocking phone call in the early afternoon of August 24th, I was in disbelief. Aaron was no longer with us. I did not know what to do, I called author G. Edward Griffin, whom I also met while visiting Aaron in California, and asked him to come on my show to reflect with me that day. It was never easy to broadcast a show whenever I heard about Aaron's health, but the show must go on as they say in Hollywood... and it still is.

It has taken me quite some time to figure out how I would honor the man and keep his dream alive, but in late November of 2007, I came upon a coin maker and approached him with my idea. At the time he had little time to dedicate to the memorial project, but he was interested and he knew full well of the dangers our republic is in, including the North American Union.

As time progressed, the holidays passed, and drafts, ideas, and images passed between the coin maker and I. I instructed him to call me as soon as it was finished, no matter the time.

The phone rang at 4am. I awoke to hear his voice tell me, "It is finished, check your email. Plunking away at my keyboard, I logged into my email, there it was waiting for me, the front side of my memorial to the man that changed my life and millions more. Upon opening the file I wept once again for my friend who could not watch his legacy exploding. I left it on the screen for days as I awaited the completion of the backside.

The scenario duplicated itself several days later when the backside was reveled to me. When I showed it to my wife we both looked at it and knew this was the monument Aaron couldn't fit into words that night in his hospital room.

My wife held his hand the whole time she sat next to him in the hospital that night, and I made sure he got his herbal drink that Ilona Blakeley placed him on. My wife and I said our final goodbyes to this legend, now our friend and hero. Pink Floyd's "Wish You Were Here" was playing in the back ground while Aaron drifted to sleep.

Aaron, we wish you were here, you would be proud.

-- Restoretherepublic.com, Feb. 14, 2008

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The term *fascism*: Fascism is typified by totalitarian attempts to impose state control over all aspects of life: political, social, cultural, and economic, by way of a strong, single-party government for enacting laws and a strong, sometimes brutal militia or police force for enforcing them.

Fascism exalts the nation, state, or group of people as superior to the individuals composing it. Fascism uses explicit populist rhetoric; calls for a heroic mass effort to restore past greatness; and demands loyalty to a single leader, leading to a cult of personality and unquestioned obedience to orders (Führerprinzip). Fascism is also considered to be a form of collectivism.

- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Facist>

National firearms ban "reasonable"?

Gun Owners of America, a Second Amendment advocacy organization, is asking the Bush administration to withdraw a legal brief that could be used to support "any gun ban no matter how sweeping," as long as some court somewhere determines it is "reasonable." The concern comes from an anti-gun brief filed by U.S. Solicitor General Paul D. Clement in a Supreme Court case regarding a District of Columbia ban on handguns.

Clement's brief noted since "unrestricted" private ownership of guns clearly threatens the public safety, the Second Amendment can be interpreted to allow a variety of gun restrictions.

His brief suggests gun rights are limited and since they are subject to "reasonable regulation," all gun limits imposed by the federal government should be affirmed as constitutional.

But Gun Owners of America, representing more than 300,000 Americans, said the opinion creates a huge threat to the constitutional provision banning the "infringement" of the right to bear arms.

"If the Supreme Court were to accept the Solicitor General's line of argument, D.C.'s categorical gun ban of virtually all self-defense firearms could well be found to be constitutional," Pratt said.

Worse, when the standard for evaluating gun bans becomes "reasonable," there is nothing else needed in order for a court somewhere to decide that all guns should be forbidden.

"In contrast to other provisions in the Bill of Rights, which can only be trumped by 'compelling state interests,' the Second Amendment would be

relegated to an inferior position at the lowest rung of the constitutional ladder, should the Justice Department prevail," said Pratt.

Paul Helmke, of the pro-gun control Brady Campaign to Prevent Handgun Violence, said he saluted the position paper.

But Pratt said, "Under the administration's amicus brief, a national ban on all firearms, including hunting rifles, could be 'constitutional,' even if the Supreme Court decides, on ample historical evidence, that the Founders intended the Second Amendment as an individual right."

"Rather than argue that 'shall not be infringed' is a categorical prohibition on government gun-banning, the administration has chosen to align itself with those who do not believe in self-defense or civilian gun ownership," Pratt said.

He said his organization is issuing a public call for the Justice Department to withdraw the anti-gun statements, and is inviting other organizations to join in its battle against such a precedent.

In the case at hand, a Washington, D.C., ban on all handguns kept by residents in their homes for self-defense is being challenged.

Because of the specifics of the D.C. case, the ultimate ruling is expected to address directly whether the Second Amendment includes a right for individuals to have a gun, or whether local governments can approve whatever laws or ordinances they desire to restrict firearms.

The amendment reads, "A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

Clement is the Bush administration's chief lawyer before the court. His brief urges the Supreme Court to decide that most current restrictions on guns and gun owners cannot be overturned by citing the Second Amendment. "Nothing in the Second Amendment, properly understood, calls for invalidation of the numerous federal laws regulating firearms," he wrote.

-- WorldNetDaily, Jan. 19, 2008

Federal judiciary has a discipline problem

By Pamela A. MacLean

The federal judiciary has a discipline problem — its own.

Adjudicating misconduct complaints against federal judges is

swathed in secrecy, lacks uniform rules across the nation and begets retaliation against complaining lawyers.

As for bullying behavior from the bench, reprimands for judicial intemperance toward counsel or their clients is nearly nonexistent, although it violates judicial canons. An examination by *The National Law Journal*, a Daily Business Review affiliate, of the issue of abusive judges and interviews with ethics experts about the known discipline cases shows a set of reform proposals may do little to increase judicial accountability, make the system more transparent or insulate those who step forward to complain.

Also, five years after the Judicial Conference recommended that the 13 federal circuits post discipline orders online, only two — the 7th and 9th — have followed through.

The proposals, which include replacing decentralized circuit rules with national standards and empowering a national conduct committee to see all complaints filed, are up for full review March 11 by the Judicial Conference of the United States, the policymaking arm of the federal judiciary.

"What bothers me about [the lack of transparency] is that it is very destructive for a judiciary that is under attack," said Mark I. Harrison, an attorney at Phoenix's Osborn Maledon who chaired the American Bar Association commission evaluating the Model Code of Judicial Conduct for state courts.

"Here they are functioning like an old boys' network," he said. "It is very distressing they are not making the process transparent."

Punishment to misconduct by federal judges remains highly confidential. When news leaks out, it can be sensational and embarrassing for the judiciary — but produce negligible change.

The proposed rules still don't clarify how aggressive the national conduct committee would be when circuit councils dismiss credible complaints without investigation, according to Arthur Hellman, a professor at University of Pittsburgh School of Law who has written extensively on judicial ethics.

He said he could imagine a faceoff between circuits around the country and the national committee over its assertion of authority. "The prospect of reopening an otherwise closed proceeding does have the potential for these ugly disputes," he warned.

Ethics specialist Carol Langford, who defends professionals in discipline proceedings in California and

teaches at the University of California Hastings College of the Law, chafed at the lack of transparency in the system.

The fact that discipline orders do not identify judges unless a public censure is issued "is not right," Langford said. "It is a federal judge. They should say the name. People should know that. We're paying for them, and we have a right to know who has been disciplined."

In the first 191 years after the creation of the federal judiciary in 1789, impeachment and removal from office was the only means of punishing misconduct by federal judges, who are appointed for life

In that period, only 10 judges were impeached by the U.S. House. Two of them resigned before a Senate trial, four were acquitted, and four were convicted and removed.

The mechanism for disciplining federal judges was created just 27 years ago with the Judicial Conduct and Disability Act of 1980. The act authorized punishment for misconduct that did not rise to the level of impeachable offense. It allowed each circuit to establish its own disciplinary rules, investigate alleged misconduct and impose sanctions up to temporary suspension of a judge.

After passage, another five judges were convicted of crimes while serving as judges. Three were impeached and removed; the other two resigned.

During the decade ending last year, there were 7,534 complaints filed against federal judges, magistrates and bankruptcy judges, but in that time just five public censures and one private censure were issued, according to the judiciary's own statistics. A total of 7,099 were dismissed. There are a total of about 900 federal district and appellate judges.

[A reform] plan drafted by the Judicial Conference's seven-member Conduct Committee headed by 2nd Circuit Judge Ralph K. Winter is up for review March 11.

The reform proposals would replace the decentralized system of circuit self-regulation established by the 1980 discipline act with mandatory national standards. This mirrors a failed 2006 plan introduced by U.S. Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., to create an inspector general to oversee the courts and report misconduct to Congress.

By contrast, every state court in the nation has some system of discipline, and nearly all are relatively transparent, beginning with California, which instituted the first disciplinary scheme in 1960. It routinely admonishes

judges for caustic behavior on the bench as well as more serious ethical violations.

Unlike many mandatory state codes of judicial conduct, the federal code of conduct is aspirational, saying judges "should" follow the canons.

Even under the proposed rules, a judge subject to a complaint sees it immediately and learns who complained. That differs from many state misconduct proceedings, which initially protect the privacy of the complainant as well as the judge. The proposed changes do not allow anonymous complaints.

-- *National Law Journal*, Feb. 25, 2008

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"Frankly, I have had more than enough of judicial opinions that bear no relationship whatsoever to the cases that have been filed and argued before the judges. I am talking about judicial opinions that falsify the facts of the cases that have been argued, judicial opinions that make disingenuous use or omission of material authorities, judicial opinions that cover up these things with no-publication and no-citation rules." -- Monroe Freedman, Hofstra Professor of Law, Speech to The Seventh Annual Judicial Conference of the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (May 24, 1989), reprinted in 128 F.R.D. 409, 439 (1989).

Forget the militia, call in the Canadians!

Canada and the U.S. have signed an agreement that paves the way for the militaries from either nation to send troops across each other's borders during an emergency, but some are questioning why the Harper government has kept silent on the deal.

Neither the Canadian government nor the Canadian Forces announced the new agreement, which was signed Feb. 14 in Texas. The U.S. military's Northern Command, however, publicized the agreement with a statement outlining how its top officer, Gen. Gene Renuart, and Canadian Lt.-Gen. Marc Dumais, head of Canada Command, signed the plan, which allows the military from one nation to support the armed forces of the other nation during a civil emergency.

On right-wing blogs in the U.S. news of the deal is being used as evidence of a plan for a "North American union" where foreign troops, not bound by U.S. laws, could be used by the American federal government to override local authorities.

"Co-operative militaries on Home Soil!" notes one website. "The

next time your town has a 'national emergency,' don't be surprised if Canadian soldiers respond. And remember - Canadian military aren't bound by posse comitatus."

Posse comitatus is a U.S. law that prohibits the use of federal troops from conducting law enforcement duties on domestic soil unless approved by Congress.

-- Canwest News Service, Feb. 22, 2008, linked to jpfo.org website

Fear Tactics Unconstitutional

A federal court in Arizona has ruled that an unsupported threat to place children in custody, made to coerce cooperation with a social services investigation, violates the constitutional guarantee of family privacy and integrity.

As detailed in the March/April 2007 *Court Report* social workers and sheriff's deputies had come to the home of Home School Legal Defense Association members John and Tiffany Loudermilk, demanding entry based on an anonymous tip that the home was unsafe for children. The Loudermilks declined consent, as was their right under the Fourth Amendment. After an escalating confrontation, the social workers, backed by no fewer than four deputies, threatened to take the Loudermilks' children into custody and place them in foster care if the Loudermilks continued to deny them entry to their home. An assistant attorney general repeated this threat to HSLDA attorney Thomas Schmidt, who was assisting the Loudermilks during the confrontation.

Under this duress, Mr. and Mrs. Loudermilk allowed the social workers and sheriff's deputies inside. The social workers determined that the anonymous tip was false and left.

HSLDA filed a federal lawsuit, alleging that the search violated the Fourth Amendment and that the unjustified threat to remove the children was a separate constitutional violation of the family's Fourteenth Amendment right to privacy and family integrity. The social workers and assistant attorney general moved to dismiss the claims, arguing that neither the search nor the threat to remove the children violated the Loudermilks' constitutional rights.

On September 27, 2007, the judge ruled in the Loudermilks favor, stating: "Defendants persisted in their threats to remove the children if Plaintiff Parents did not consent to the search, stating that [they] could arrest or handcuff the Parents in front of the children. Based on the allegations set

forth in the Amended Complaint, viewed in Plaintiff's favor, no reasonable official would have believed that his or her conduct was authorized by state or constitutional law." With regard to the assistant attorney general, the court ruled that "Plaintiffs have sufficiently alleged that [the attorney] . . . by 'threat' exerted 'coercive pressure' on them to allow the search of their home so that their children would not be removed."

The judge's ruling allows the case to proceed to trial. "The ruling in this case makes it clear that threatening to remove children to gain a parent's cooperation is unconstitutional," said James R. Mason, Senior Counsel for HSLDA. "We hope that this ruling will change this common tactic used by investigative caseworkers all over the country."

"Satanic Verses"

Allah is an enemy to unbelievers. - Sura 2:98

On unbelievers is the curse of Allah. - Sura 2:161

Slay them wherever ye find them and drive them out of the places whence they drove you out, for persecution is worse than slaughter. - 2:191

Fight against them until idolatry is no more and Allah's religion reigns supreme. (Different translation: Fight them until there is no persecution and the religion is God's entirely.) - Sura 2:193 and 8:39

Fighting is obligatory for you, much as you dislike it. - Sura 2:216 (Different translation: Prescribed for you is fighting, though it is hateful to you.)

..... martyrs.... Enter heaven - Sura 3:140-43

If you should die or be killed in the cause of Allah, His mercy and forgiveness would surely be better than all they riches they amass. If you should die or be killed, before Him you shall all be gathered. - 3:157-8

You must not think that those who were slain in the cause of Allah are dead. They are alive, and well-provided for by their Lord. - Sura 3:169-71

Let those fight in the cause of God who sell the life of this world for the hereafter. To him who fights in the cause of God, whether he is slain or victorious, soon we shall give him a great reward. - Sura 4:74

Those who believe fight in the cause of God, and those who reject faith fight in the cause of evil. - 4:76

But if they turn renegades, seize them and slay them wherever you find them. - 4:89

Therefore, we stirred among them enmity and hatred, which shall endure till the Day of Resurrection, when Allah will declare to them all that they have done. - 5:14

O believers, take not Jews and Christians as friends; they are friends of each other. Those of you who make them his friends is one of them. God does not guide an unjust people. - 5:54

Make war on them until idolatry is no more and Allah's religion reigns supreme - 8:39

O Prophet! Exhort the believers to fight. If there are 20 steadfast men among you, they shall vanquish 200; and if there are a hundred, they shall rout a thousand unbelievers, for they are devoid of understanding. - 8:65

It is not for any Prophet to have captives until he has made slaughter in the land. - 8:67

Allah will humble the unbelievers. Allah and His apostle are free from obligations to idol-worshipers. Proclaim a woeful punishment to the unbelievers. - 9:2-3

When the sacred months are over, slay the idolaters wherever you find them. Arrest them, besiege them, and lie in ambush everywhere for them. - 9:5

Believers! Know that idolaters are unclean. - 9:28

Fight those who believe neither in God nor the Last Day, nor what has been forbidden by God and his messenger, nor acknowledge the religion of Truth, even if they are People of the Book [Christians and Jews], until they pay the tribute and have been humbled. - 9:29 (Another source: The unbelievers are impure and their abode is hell.) (Another source: Humiliate the non-Muslims to such an extent that they surrender and pay tribute.)

Whether unarmed or well-equipped, march on and fight for the cause of Allah, with your wealth and your persons. - 9:41

O Prophet! Make war on the unbelievers and the hypocrites. Be harsh with them. Their ultimate abode is hell, a hapless journey's end. - 9:73

Allah has purchased of their faithful lives and worldly goods, and in return has promised them the Garden. They will fight for His cause, kill and be killed. - 9:111

Fight unbelievers who are near to you. 9:123 (Different translation: Believers! Make war on the infidels who dwell around you. Let them find harshness in you.) (Another source: Ye who believe! Murder those of the disbelievers....)

As for those who are slain in the cause of Allah, He will not allow their

works to perish. He will vouchsafe them guidance and ennoble their state; He will admit them to the Paradise He has made known to them. - 10:4-15

Allah has cursed the unbelievers and proposed for them a blazing hell. - 33:60

Unbelievers are enemies of Allah and they will roast in hell. - 41:14

When you meet the unbelievers, smite their necks, then when you have made wide slaughter among them, tie fast the bonds, then set them free, either by grace or ransom, until the war lays down its burdens. - 47:4 (Different translation:) When you meet the unbelievers in the battlefield, strike off their heads, and when you have laid them low, bind your captives firmly.)

Those who are slain in the way of Allah - he will never let their deeds be lost. Soon will he guide them and improve their condition, and admit them to the Garden, which he has announced for them. - 47:5

Muslims are harsh against the unbelievers, merciful to one another. - 48:25

Muhammad is Allah's apostle. Those who follow him are ruthless to the unbelievers but merciful to one another. Through them, Allah seeks to enrage the unbelievers. - 48:29

Prophet! Make war on the unbelievers and the hypocrites and deal sternly with them. Hell shall be their home, evil their fate. - 66:9

The unbelievers among the People of the Book [Christians and Jews] and the pagans shall burn forever in the fire of hell. They are the vilest of all creatures. - 98:51

The ACLU's Worst Nightmare

"I was debating an ACLU attorney at Christmas on an NPR station. I pulled out a Xerox copy of *The Christian Life and Character of the Civil Institutions of the United States* and said to her: "Until you answer this book, the ACLU can't make a case against America's Christian founding." She was shocked when she saw it. She asked where I had gotten it. The only thing that gave her relief was the fact that the book was not in print. But now it is.

"Be afraid ACLU. Be very afraid. B.F. Morris packs *The Christian Life and Character* with page after page of original source material making the case that America was founded as a Christian nation. The evidence is unanswerable and irrefutable. This 1000-page book will astound you and send enemies of Christianity into shock. Keep in mind that it was published in

1864 and has been out of print for more than a century. It has been newly typeset using a very readable font and added subheads. A new Foreword written by my long-time friend Dr. Archie Jones describes the background of the book and provides a brief biography of the author."—Gary DeMar, President, American Vision

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Army Blocks Access to Web-based Library

The Army has shut down public access to the largest online collection of its doctrinal publications, a move criticized as unnecessary secrecy.

Army officials moved the Reimer Digital Library (<http://atiam.train.army.mil>) behind a password-protected firewall on Feb. 6, restricting access to an electronic trove that is popular with researchers for its wealth of field and technical manuals and documents on military operations, education, training and technology. All are unclassified, and most already are approved for public release.

Steven Aftergood, director of the Project on Government Secrecy at the nonprofit Federation of American Scientists, a daily user of the library until he was shut out by the new firewall, said the collection offers specialized military manuscripts that do not appear on the shelves of local libraries. These include documents on unmanned aircraft; tactics and techniques for the use of nonlethal weapons; a field manual for non-engineers on the fundamentals of flight; and a manual on working dogs in the military.

"All of this stuff had been specifically approved for public release," Aftergood said. "I think it's a case of bureaucracy run amok. And it's a familiar impulse to secrecy that needs to be challenged at every turn."

In 2006, the National Archives acknowledged that the CIA and other agencies had withdrawn thousands of records from the public shelves over several years and inappropriately

reclassified many of them. Early in 2002, then-Attorney General John D. Ashcroft issued a memo urging federal agencies to use whatever legal means necessary to reject Freedom of Information Act requests for public documents.

Army officials said yesterday that they were compelled to limit access to the Reimer library site to comply with Department of Defense policies that call for tightening the security of military Web sites and to keep better track internally of who is accessing them and why.

Some of the documents in the collection still are available to the public through the Army Publishing Directorate (<http://www.usapa.army.mil>). That is not good enough, according to Aftergood, who said many of the most important documents on that site are password-protected, as well, despite having been cleared for public release. His group recently filed a FOIA request for all of the unclassified documents in the Reimer collection in order to replicate the archive on its own publicly accessible Web site.

"They can configure Army Web sites however they like," Aftergood said. "What they cannot do is to withhold information from the public that is subject to release under the FOIA."

-- Washington Post, Feb. 21, 2008

The Pell Grant

This is a subject close to my heart.

Do you know that we have adult students at the school where I teach who are not US citizens and who get the Pell grant, which is a federal grant (no pay back required) plus other federal grants to go to school? One student from the Dominican Republic told me that she didn't want me to find a job for her after she finished my program, because she was getting housing from our housing department and she was getting Pell grant which paid for her total tuition and books, plus money left over.

She was looking into which gives students a CREDIT CARD for gas to come to school, and into CARIBE

which is a special program for immigrants and it pays for child care and all sorts of needs while they go to school or training.

The one student I just mentioned told me she was not going to be a US Citizen because she plans to return to the Dominican Republic someday and that she 'loves HER country.'

I asked her if she felt guilty taking what the US is giving her and then not even bothering to become a citizen and she told me that it doesn't bother her, because that is what the money is there for!

I asked the CARIBE administration about their program and if you ARE a US citizen, you don't qualify for their program. And all the while, I am Working a full day, my son-in-law works more than 60 hours a week, and Everyone in my family works and pays for our education.

Sorry if this offends anyone but this is MY COUNTRY - IF IT IS YOUR COUNTRY, SPEAK UP -- please pass this along.

I am not against immigration -- just come through like everyone else. Get a sponsor; have a place to lay your head; have a job; pay your taxes, live by the rules AND LEARN THE LANGUAGE as all other immigrants have in the past --and GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Think about this: If you don't want to forward this for fear of offending Someone -- YOU'RE PART OF THE PROBLEM! It is Time for America to Speak up.

-- from the Net

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